2. Use of improved high yielding variety seeds.

3. Harnessing ground water through tubewells, completing on-farm development works in command 'areas and completing tbe near completion irrigation projects and efficient use of the stored water.

4. Better Management of weeds and time ly control of pests and diseases.

5. Bonus|incentive for productionjpro-curement of foodgrains.

6. Increased flow' term and long term credit,

The prog would be taken up in 169 districts in 14 States. The States proposed to be covered are:—

1. Andhra Pradesh
2. Assam
3. Bihar
4. Gujarat
5. Haryana
6. Karnataka
7. Madhya Pradesh
8. Maharashtra
9. Orissa,
10. Punjab
11. Rajasthan
12. Tarmil Nadu
13. Uttar Pradesh
14. West Bengal.

In all 106 districts would be taken up with rice, 72 for wheat, 28 each for maize and gram and 20 for arhar.

High Power body to boost Agricultural production

2528. SHRI BASUDEB MOHAPATRA: Wil the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state;

Ca) is it a fact that the Centre have set up a high power Body to work out an action plan to boost agricultural production in the country;

(b) if io, what are the details thereof; and

(c) the amount provided for 'achieving the target by the end of the Seventh Five Year Plan period?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND COOPERATION IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI SHYAM LAL YADAV): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The programme would be taken 169 districts in 14 States. In all will be covered under rice, 72 under wheat.28 each for maize and gram and 20 for Arhar. Six pronged strategy has been suggested for increasing foodgrain production. The components are:

1. Increased fertiliser use by 20 kgs of nutrients per ha.. (kg.|ha)

2. Use of improved high yielding variety seeds.

3. Harnessing ground water throug tubewells, completing on-farm deve ment works in command areas and C' Pleting the near completion irrigation jects and efficient use of the stored w

4. Better management of weeds

5. Bonusjincentive for production|pn curement of foodgrains.

6. Increased flow of short term and long term credit.

(c) It has been recommended by the task force constituted for the purpose to provide additional funds to the extent °f Rs. 368.30 crores for various components.

Task Force set up for action Plan on Agricultural Production

2529. SHRI SURESH PACHOURI: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state;

(a) whether Task Force set up by the Prime Minister for Action Plan on Agricultural Production have finalised prelimi-nary reports and if so, whether this would be made public in order to generate open fruitful discussion as has been published

in the Times of India of the 9th February, 1988;

(b) whether target of 175 million MT af food grains by the end of the Seventh Five Year Plan is likely to be achieved; and

(c) whether production of protective foods, such as milk, fruits and vegetables will form a special thrust area?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE, AND COOPERATION IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI SHYAM LAL YADAV); (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Yes, Sir.

(c) On-going Central SectorjCsntrally Sponsored schemes as well as State Plan will augment protective foods, such as Milk, fruits and vegetable producton in the Country.

Advance warning of drought

2530. SHRIMATI RENUKA CHOWDHURY;
SHRI MUKHTIAR SINGH MALIK;

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE *JQ* pieased to state;

0 (a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the news item which appeared in the *'Indian Express'* of the 6th February, 1988 wherein it ha$_s$ been stated that the Meteorogical Office had warned Government in June, 1987 it self of the drought of 1987;

(b) whether it is also a fact that the Central Government had failed to take measures in time to face the drought inspite of advance warning;

(c) if so, the reaons therefor; ard

(d) what measures Government propose to take to avoid such recurrence in future?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND COOPERATION IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI SHYAM LAL YADAV); (a) No news item about advance warning given by ... logical Department appeared in the ... Express' New Delhi Edition of ... ruary, 1988. However, this news ... in this paper on 16th February, ...

Indian Meteorological Depart... not warn the Government of ... June 1987 about the drought of ...

(b) to (d) Do not arise.

Schemes for the Welfare of th... Sections

2531. SHRI PUTTAPAGA ... KRISHNA: Will the Minister ... FARE be pleased to state:

(a) the total plan outlay fo... mes for welfare of the weaker ... the society in Delhi during the ... years;

(b) the actual utilisation of ... on this account during the ... ; and

(c) what steps Government ... take to increase the rate of ... such funds?

THE DEPUTY MINIST... MINISTRY OF WELFARE ... SUMATI ORAON): (a) ... the information furnished b... the total plan outlay for th... the welfare of weaker ... society in Delhi during the ... to 1987-88 was as follows:—

1985-86	:	Rs. 30.39
1986-87	:	Rs. 40.78
1987-88	:	Rs. 47.53

(b) Expenditure is incur... ment of Administration and ... us bodies of the Admini... Grant-in-aid. The total ex... red and funds released a... as follows:—

1985-86	:	Rs. 31.5...
1986-87	:	Rs. 40.8...
1987-88 (likely)	:	Rs. 47.5...

(c) Funds were utilised ...